

# Forest Play - Design Concept

## ZONED PLAY AREAS

Zone One: Canoes and Caves  
Toddlers

Zone Two: Chickasaw Mountain  
4-12 Years

Zone Three: Ropes Challenge  
12 and Up

Tall Rock Stack With Rubberized Surface

Ropes Course / Climbing Venue

Council Ring – Seating and River  
Overlook

Dry Creek Play Area

Bridge and Overlook

Stairs

Drainage Outfall;

Elevated  
Walk

Play Canoes

Wood Arch  
Gateway

Low Log Climbers

Deck Over Dry  
Creek Bed

Rock Caves and  
Log Climbers

Parent Seating  
Area

Tactile and  
Aromatic Planting  
Zones (TYP)



Natural Wood  
Chip Play Area  
Surface

Shade Structure

Outdoor Seating  
And Canopy

Accessible Ramp

Slides In Natural  
Landscape Island



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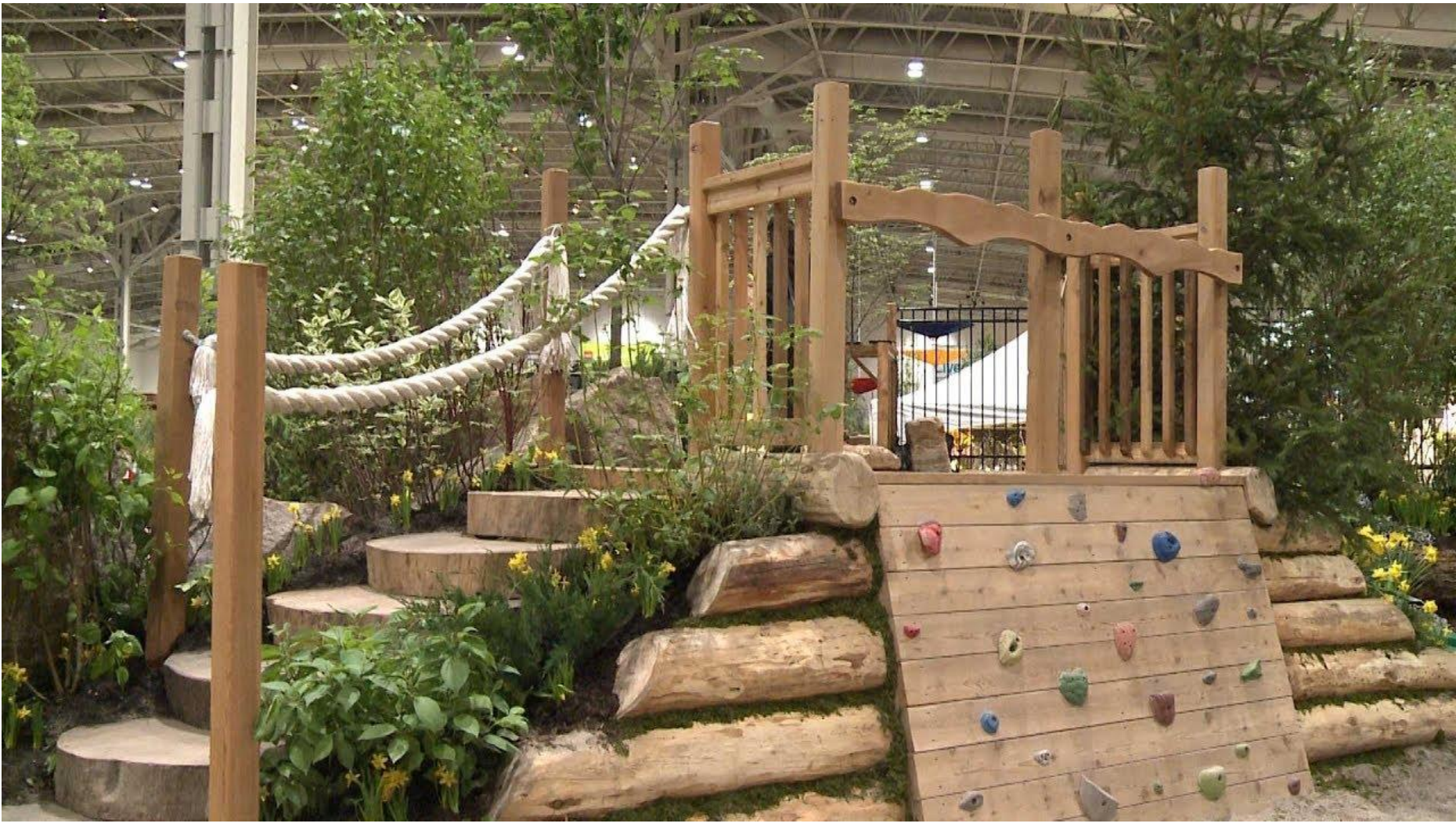
Log Climbers and Steps



Create Elevation Change for Slides



Develop Simple Framed Structures



Incorporate Native Landscaping



Low Rope Ladders



Deadfall Climbers



Stump Steps



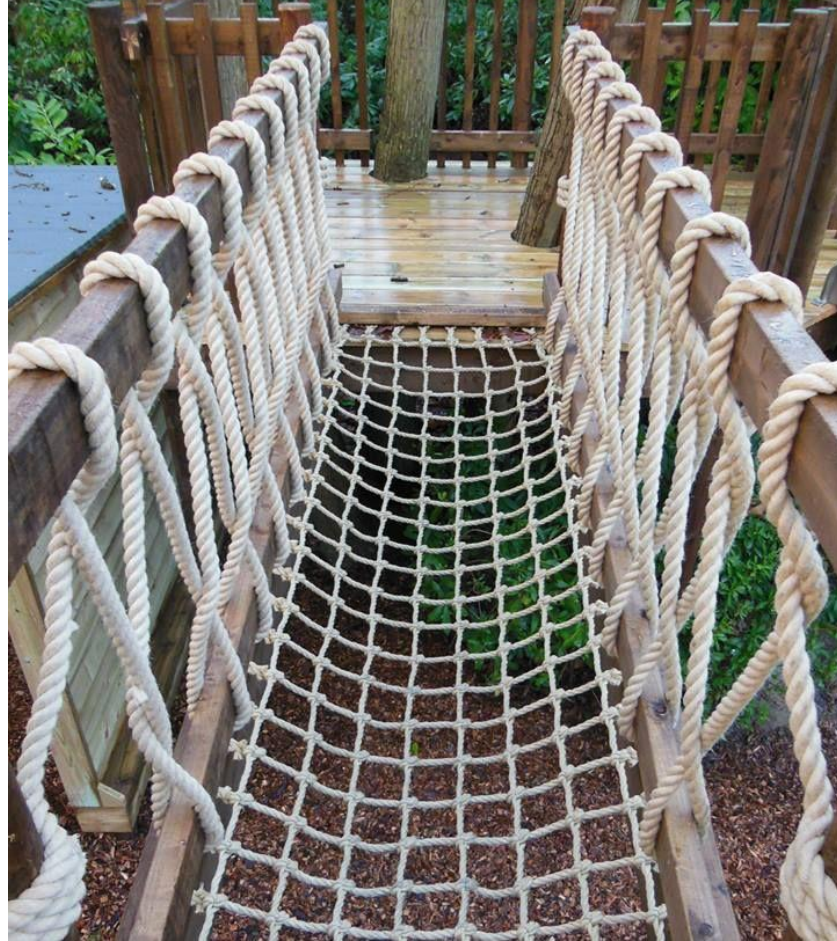
Dugout Canoes



Dry Stream Play



Tactile and Aromatic Garden / Seating Zones



Rope Bridges



Rope Challenge Course



Entrance Gate

## DESIGN CONCEPT:

The Nature Play Area at Chickasaw Park is an opportunity to provide a large interpretive playground within an existing wooded area perched along a ridge overlooking the Ohio River. The concept for the Nature Play Area divides the area into three distinct zones each focused on different age groups and different play activities. Zone One near the Main Entrance features low level mobility play in the form of low log jams and deadfall, low stump climbers, small cave like enclosures and a parent seating area for close observation. Zone Two features an elevated mound with natural rock outcrops and lush native landscaping, rope ladders, long slides, and rope climbers to ascend the hillside. This area also features an elevated rope and timber bridge which leads to a river overlook and a wooden ramp to the upper level for accessibility. Zone Three is dedicated to older kids and features climbing challenges, low climbing walls, a large Teepee Style enclosed structure and more advanced rope skills area. Other features include a paved surface surrounding the play area for mobility and accessibility to all areas. Included along the paved loop are deck and seating areas and aromatic and tactile plant zones. For drainage of the playground area, a dry stream meanders through the playground and offers an opportunity for sand and gravel zones. Stepstone bridges, wooden decks cross the dry stream in several locations. Where possible existing trees should remain in place and the features work around the natural vegetation.